REMARKS/ARGUMENT

In the Decision on Appeal, the Examiner' rejections of claims 3-6, 8/3-8/6, 9/8/3-9/8/6 and 12-15 were affirmed and the Examiner's rejections of claims 7, 8/7, 9/8/7 and 16 were reversed. Accordingly, claims 3-6, 8, 12-15 and 17-18 have been canceled and claims 7 and 16 amended to incorporate the material found to be patentable and claim 8 amended to change its dependency.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7-9 and 16 are now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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